

June 15, 2006

The Honorable Shelley Goodman Taub
House Education Committee
P.O. Box 30014
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Dear House Education Committee Members:

I am writing to voice my whole hearted and enthusiastic support for House Bill 4085 as introduced by State Representative Shelley Goodman Taub which would amend the Revised School Code.

As proposed in Representative Taub's legislation, the amendment being put forward would specify the circumstances under which an intermediate school board could detach territory from one school district and attach it to another district.

This proposed legislation pertains only to Oakland County. Specifically, the proposed legislation would affect a portion of Sylvan Lake which seeks to transfer from the Pontiac School District to the West Bloomfield School District, which by the way is where most of the children in their community attend school. In addition, there is a segment of Bloomfield Township that is seeking transfer from Pontiac to West Bloomfield and a part of Troy that is in the Warren Consolidated School District that would like to transfer to the Troy School District.

House Bill 4085 would have very limited financial impact on any of the communities involved and it makes practical sense to realign these select areas with their neighbors in an adjacent community because of shared common interests. For these reasons, I strongly urge passage of House Bill 4085.

Sincerely,



L. Brooks Patterson
Oakland County Executive